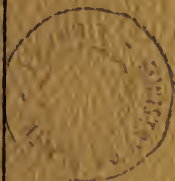


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Chairman - - R. T. WATKINS

Elected by West Hartlepool Corporation

G. P. K. GALLIMORE, Ambleside Manor, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool
N. S. BROUGH, 319 Stockton Road, West Hartlepool
W. O. MANN, 24 Weldeck Gardens, West Hartlepool
C. R. WARNES, J.P., (Mayor), 10 Staincliffe Road, Seaton Carew, West Hartlepool
R. T. WATKINS, 52 Thornville Road, West Hartlepool
E. KENT, 5 Manor Road, West Hartlepool
C. E. JOHNSON, B.E.M., 20 Elwick Road, West Hartlepool
J. C. HERBERT, 311 Stockton Road, West Hartlepool
Mrs. B. E. MANN, J.P. 24 Weldeck Gardens, West Hartlepool
L. J. MORROW, 57 Claremont Drive, West Hartlepool

Elected by Hartlepool Corporation

W. HUNTER, 56 Cleveland Road, Hartlepool
T. MARINE, 10 Town Wall, Hartlepool
W. C. POUNDER, 4 Howden Road, Hartlepool
J. N. BYERS, 37 Northgate, Hartlepool
R. E. P. GARRAGHAN, 156 King Oswy Drive, Hartlepool

Fixed Days of Meetings

At the Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool.

17th June, 1965	9th December, 1965	21st April, 1966
16th September, 1965	17th February, 1966	16th June, 1966

Each day at 6.00 p.m.

Finance and Port Committees

All the Members of the Authority are Members of these Committees.

The Committees meet on the same day as the meeting is held

Officers :

Clerk	C. GILBERT BUNTING, Solicitor, Exchange Building, 66, Church Street, West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3132-3 (2 lines).
Medical Officer	J. CRABB, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G., 221, Stockton Rd., West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3035.
Deputy Medical Officer	JOHN T. SMITH, M.B., Ch.B., Owton Manor West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3044.
Inspector	R. J. KNOTT, M.B.E. Exchange Building, 66 Church St., West Hartlepool. Telephone: 2015.
Deputy Inspector	G. A. WARD, 12, Beaconsfield Street, Hartlepool, Telephone : 6112.
Rat-Catcher	H. MENHENNET, 19, Penrith Street, Hartlepool.



ANNUAL REPORT

WEST HARTLEPOOL

**To the Chairman and Members of the
Hartlepool Port Health Authority.**

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1965.

There has been an increase in the number of vessels entering the port but a decrease in tonnage due no doubt to the number of entrances made by the vessels attending on the oil rigs off shore. There has been an increase in tonnage of goods imported but a decrease in exports.

As I envisaged in my report last year the imports of liquid gas has increased and the use of the port by the oil prospecting companies has brought increased work and a few minor problems.

There has been no case of infectious disease in the Port during the year.

Work under the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951, has resulted in the issue of thirty three deratting exemption certificates and five rodent control certificates.

The standard of cleanliness in crews accommodation continues to be good and the accommodation in new vessels continues to improve. The nuisances that have had to be dealt with have been of a minor character and there is seldom any difficulty in getting them abated.

The work carried out by your Inspector, his deputy and the rat-catcher has been to my entire satisfaction, and a record of the Inspector's work is included in the report.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks for the valuable assistance given to me by the Chief Preventive Officer of H.M. Customs, and his staff, to Captain D. M. Maclean, and his Assistant Dockmasters, to the Ministry of Transport Surveyor, to H.M. Immigration Officers, and also to the Pilot Master and Pilots for their hearty co-operation with the officials of the Authority.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN CRABB,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G.

Port Medical Officer of Health.



SECTION I—STAFF

Table A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Other Appointments Held
C. Gilbert Bunting	Clerk to the Authority	19.10.1922	Solicitor	Part-time Appointment
John Crabb	Medical Officer	9.12.1948	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H. D.R.C.O.G.	Part-time Appointment
John T. Smith	Deputy Med. Officer	20.9.1951	M.B., Ch.B.	Part-time Appointment
R. J. Knott	Inspector	1.12.1945	Master Mariner, San. Insp., S.I.J.B., Insp. of Meat and other Food, R.S.I.	None
G. A. Ward	Deputy Inspector	1.10.1937	San. Insp., S.I.J.B., Insp. of Meat and other Food, R.S.I.	San. Insp. Borough of Hartlepool
H. Menhennet	Rat-Catcher	2.11.1964	Nil	

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health :

Dr. John Crabb,
"Briardene,"
Foggy Furze,
West Hartlepool.
Telephone: Hartlepoons 3035.

SECTION II—Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the year 1965.

Table B.

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	353	451,600	53	351	Nil
Coastwise	736	614,661	31	505	Nil
Total	1,089	1,066,261	84	856	Nil

SECTION III—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic—

This is not an approved Passenger Port and there is therefore no regular passenger traffic. Certain passengers are allowed to land subject to certain restrictions imposed by H.M. Immigration Office. The following information has been supplied through the courtesy of H.M. Immigration Officer, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepool.

No. of passengers INWARDS	133
No. of passengers OUTWARDS	80
Alien passengers embarked	13
Alien passengers landed	67
Granted temporary shore leave	4

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports :—

Pitwood and Mining Timber	75,039 tons
Other Timber	130,078 „
Liquid Gas	43,919 „
Pyrites	963 „
Iron and Steel	1,057 „
Iron Ore	608,910 „
Wood Pulp	3,496 „
Petroleum	75,003 „
Other Ores	3,295 „
Foodstuffs	1,654 „
Other Manufactured Goods	5,556 „

Principal Exports :—

Coal and Coke	1,200,177 „
Magnesite	14,401 „
Iron and Steel	26,375 „
Other Items	1,919 „
Chemicals and Fertilisers	506 „
Limestone and Dolomite	23,511 „

The above particulars have been supplied through the courtesy of the Docks Manager, British Transport Docks Board, West Hartlepool.

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive :—

Cargo	Foreign Ports
Props	Archangel, Cherbourg, Kalajorki, Leixoes, Leningrad Toppila, Ventspil.
Timber	Archangel, Arendal, Bergkvara, Borgo, Falkenberg, Danzig, Gothenburg, Grimstad, Halmstad, Haukipudas, Hamina, Igarka, Jacobstad, Kalmar, Karlshamm, Kemi, Kotka, Kramfors, Kristine- hamm, Leningrad, Marieborg, Port Alegre, Onega, Rauma, Royatta, Rundsvik, Skogby, Stettin, Tveve- strand, Vasklot, Veitsiluto, Wilhemshaven, Wismar.
Wood Pulp	Gefle, Holmsund, Munksund, Pitea, Skadhamm, Vallvik.
Sleepers	Bordeaux.
Ore	Bilbao, Bone, Civiti Vechia, Iggersund, Lulea, Marina de Carrera, Narvik, Oxelosund, Port Etienne, Port Ordaz, Savona, Stagsund, Uddavalla.
Steelplates	Ymuiden
Liquid Gas	Ambes, Antwerp, Bernis, Havre, Rotterdam, Slagen.
General	Gothenburg, Norrkoping, Rotterdam.

Ships arrived light from :—

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bilbao, Calais, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Dunkirk,
Emden, Ghent, Hamburg, Honfleur, Rostock, Rotterdam, Rouen.

SECTION IV—Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no such traffic.

SECTION V—Water Supply.

- 1 (a) The Port is supplied by the Hartlepoons Water Company.
(b) Ships are supplied from hydrants fitted on certain quays.
- 2 Test for contamination are carried out by the Hartlepool and West Hartlepool Authorities.
- 3 Hydrants are covered when not in use and hoses are properly stored.
- 4 There are no water boats in the district.
The water is very hard but of excellent quality.

SECTION VI—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952 to 1963.

(1) List of Infected Areas—

A list of infected ports from which ships are likely to arrive is prepared by the Medical Officer, and a copy of this list in the form of a letter is sent to the Customs and Pilots, and when considered advisable to the shipping agents. These notices are usually delivered by hand.

(2) Radio Messages—

- (a) Permission by radio for vessels to enter the port is sent through the Harbour Master's Office and Cullercoats Radio Station.
- (b) This port has been included by the Minister of Health on the list of "radio receiving ports" and messages sent to "Portelth, Hartlepool" are sent directly to the Port Health Office or to the home of the Port Medical Officer.

(3) Notification otherwise than by Radio—

Arrangements have been made for the notification to the Port Health Authority by the Customs and the Pilots of any ship requiring special medical attention on arrival in the port. Shipping agents also notify when they have received messages, whether by radio or telegram of sickness on board an expected arrival.

(4) Mooring Stations—

The mooring station established by the Authority with the concurrence of the Collector of Customs and the Harbour Master is at the buoys in the outer harbour. A plan of the harbour showing the exact position of the buoys was transmitted to the Minister of Health.

There is no mooring station within the docks.

(5) Arrangements for—

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious disease ;
Cases of infectious disease, other than smallpox, are removed to Brierton Lane Isolation Hospital.

(b) Surveillance of contacts ;

Contacts remaining on board are kept under observation by the Medical Officer of Health, and on the vessel leaving, information is forwarded to the next port of call. Contacts leaving the ship are ordered to report to the Medical Officer of the town to which they are proceeding and the names and addresses of such contacts are forwarded to the Medical Officer of the town to which the contacts are proceeding.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection ;

Disinfectants are kept in stock ready for use in case of infectious disease. Cleansing and disinfecting are done by, or under the supervision of the Port Health Staff.

Persons, clothing and other articles requiring cleansing and disinfecting are sent to the General Hospital, West Hartlepool.

SECTION VII—Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox patients would be sent to Langley Park Hospital, Langley Park, County Durham.

(2) Arrangements have been made with the County Borough of West Hartlepool to remove any smallpox cases arriving, or occurring, in the port, and they are responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

(3) Smallpox consultants available are in accordance with the Ministry of Health Regional Panel of consultants.

(4) Facilities for the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox are provided at the area Public Health Laboratory.

SECTION VIII—Venereal Disease.

Merchant seamen are able to have treatment for Venereal Disease at the following places at the times stated.

General Hospital, West Hartlepool.	Males—Thursdays, 5 p.m. Females—Mondays, 2-0 p.m.
General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.	Monday to Friday, 9—12 noon. 2—5 p.m.
Stockton & Thornaby Hospital, Bowesfield Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.	Saturday—9-0 a.m. to 10-00 a.m.

Any requiring in-patient treatment would be accommodated at the General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

Cards giving information of the places and times at which treatment for Venereal Disease can be had are delivered on board ships by the Inspector.

SECTION IX—Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Table D.

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ..		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships		Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X—Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

There have been no cases of malaria on ships in or arriving at the port.

SECTION XI—Measures taken against Ships infected with or suspected for Plague.

There have been no such ships in the port.

SECTION XII—Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports.

(1) *Procedure for Inspection of Ships for Rats—*

All ships arriving from foreign ports are searched as early as possible after arrival, to the extent that cargo will allow. After some of the cargo has been discharged from the holds further search is made.

(2) *Arrangements for the Examination of Rodents—*

All rodents recovered are examined superficially by the Inspector or the ratcatcher and any showing signs of not having been in good health are sent for pathological and bacteriological examination to Dr. T. Blower, Pathologist, General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

(3) *Arrangements for Deratting of Ships—*

In the case of a minor infestation on a ship holding a valid deratting or deratting exemption certificate the port Ratcatcher carries out trapping or poisoning or both.

Deratting for the issue of a Deratting Certificate is done with cyanide by private contractors to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer.

The Contractor is not nominated by the Medical Officer. Firms who undertake fumigations are :—

Rentokil Ltd.	South Shields
Contra-pest Ltd.	South Shields

(4) *Rat-proofing of Ships—*

Rat-proofing of new vessels is satisfactory. Old tonnage is improved as is necessary and practical.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports—

Category	Number
Black rats	6
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	1
Infected with plague	Nil

Table F.

**Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports—**

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After	After		
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	Trapping	Poisoning	Total	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15
					15

In addition, 18 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued to coastwise vessels, and 5 Rodent Control Certificates.

SECTION XIII—Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices—

Nature and No. of inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory notices	Other notices	
461 936	Nil	20 Verbal & informal	20 Complied with

The nuisances and sanitary defects consisted mainly of dirty and verminous quarters, defective and foul W.C.'s.

**SECTION XIV—Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations,
1943 and 1948.**

There are no shell-fish beds or layings under the jurisdiction of this Authority. There are however, Mussels, Winkles and Cockles which can be picked from dock gates, walls and rocks, and which are liable to pollution from sewage. For this reason warning notices are posted from time to time drawing the attention of the public to the dangerous consequences which may arise from the consumption of such shell-fish.

SECTION XV—Medical Inspection of Aliens.

This is not an approved port for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI—Miscellaneous.

Dead bodies are removed immediately to the nearest mortuary and action taken to secure speedy interment of the same.



